CHAPTER II

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)

(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
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1997 28 February 1996

NOTE: The completion of those filing requirements that can be made at a time later than 30 months from the priority date results from the Commissioner exercising his judgment under the authority grentre under 35 U.S.C. § 371(d). The filing receipt will show the actual date of receipt of the last item completing the entry into the national phase. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 which states: "An international application enters the national state when the applicant has filed the documents and fees required by 35 USC 371(c) within the periods set forth in § 1.494 and § 1.495."

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10*

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I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the papers indicated as being transmitted therewith is being deposited with the United States Postal Gervice on this date August 24, 1998, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number FL067095518US, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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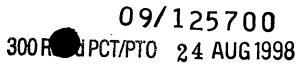
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WARNING: Where the items are those which can be submitted to complete the entry of the international application into the national phase are subsequent to 30 months from the priority date the application is still considered to be in the international state and if mailing procedures are utilized to obtain a date the express mail procedure of 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 must be used (since international application papers are not covered by an ordinary certificate of mailing - See 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

NOTE: Documents and fees must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national state under 35 U.S.C. § 371 otherwise the submission will be considered as being made under 35 U.S.C. § 111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.494(f).

- I. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:
 - a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
 - b. XX The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

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2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FII.ED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULA- TIONS	
□•	TOTAL CLAIMS					
	14	14 -20=	0	× \$22.00=	\$ 0	
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS					
	2	2 -3=	0	× \$82.00=	0	
	MULTIPLE DEPE	NDENT CLAIM(S) (if	applicable)	+ \$270.00		
BASIC FEE	U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where an International preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: and the international preliminary examination report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non- obviousness) and industrial activity, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4) have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(a)(4))					
			Total of above	• Calculations	\$930.00	
TITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed also. (note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)					
				Subtotal		
			Total	National Fee	\$ 930.00	
	Fee for recording CFR 1.21(h)). (See COVER SHEET".	the enclosed assignr Item 13 below). See	nent document \$4 attached "ASSIGN	10.00 (37 NMENT		
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*See attac	hed Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.
i.	M A check in the amount of <u>930.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.
ii.	= 1 reaso sharge / toosant rto: in the amount of \$
"WARNING:	A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
WARRING.	"To avoid abandonment of the application the applicant shall furnish to the United States Patent and Trademark Office not later than the expiration of 30 months from the priority date: * * * (2) the basic national fee (see § 1.492(a)). The 30-month time limit may not be extended." 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(b).
:	If the translation of the international application and/or the oath or declaration have not been submitted by the applicant within thirty (30) months from the priority date, such requirements may be met within a time period set by the Office. 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(b)(2). The payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(e) is required as a condition for accepting the oath or declaration later than thirty (30) months after the priority date. The payment of the processing fee set forth in § 1.492(f) is required for acceptance of an English translation later than thirty (30) months after the priority date. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in abandomment of the application. The provisions of § 1.136 apply to the period which is set. Notice of Jan. 3, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40.
	copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):
applic "The accor comn desig applic notice	on 1.495 (b) was amended to require that the basic national fee and a copy of the international cation must be filed with the Office by 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. International Bureau normally provides the copy of the international application to the Office in idance with PCT Article 20. At the same time, the International Bureau notifies applicant of the nunication to the Office. In accordance with PCT Rule 47.1, that nutice shall be accepted by all nated offices as conclusive evidence that the communication has duly taken place. Thus, if the cant desires to enter the national stage, the applicant normally need only check to be sure the afrom the International Bureau has been received and then pay the basic national fee by 30 months the priority date." Notice of Jan. 7, 1993, 1147 O.G. 29 to 40, at 35-36. See item 14c below.
a.	is transmitted herewith.
b.	☐ Is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
c.	🛆 has been transmitted
	i.
	ii.
4. 🗓 A (35	translation of the International application into the English language is U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)):
a.	is transmitted herewith.
b.	🖾 is not required as the application was filed in English.
C.	☐ was previously transmitted by applicant on
d.	□ will follow.
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5.	Œ			ments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 s.C. § 371(c)(3)):
NOT	E :	and co priorit do so submi an an	ontinui y date will no t that : nendm	of January 7, 1993 points out that 37 C.F.R. § 1.495(a) was amended to clarify the existing ing practice that PCT Article 19 amendments must be submitted by 30 months from the and this deadline may not be extended. The Notice further advises that: "The failure to of result in loss of the subject matter of the PCT Article 19 amendments. Applicant may subject matter in a preliminary amendment filed under section 1.121. In many cases, filing ent under section 1.121 is preferable since grammatical or idiomatic errors may be 1147 O.G. 29-40, at 36.
		a.		are transmitted herewith.
		b.		have been transmitted
			i.	☐ by the International Bureau. Date of mailing of the amendment (from form PCT/1B/308):
			li.	☐ by applicant on (date)
				Date
		c.	Κ	have not been transmitted as
			i.	☐ applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19. Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210.): 18 June 1997
			ii.	☐ the time limit for the submission of amendments has not yet expired. The amendments or a statement that amendments have not been made will be transmitted before the expiration of the time limit under PCT Rule 46.1.
6.	Ø			ation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 .C. § 371(c)(3)):
		a.		s transmitted herewith.
		b.	□ i	is not required as the amendments were made in the English language.
		c.	X I	nas not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.
7.		A	сору	of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)
			(X) i	is transmitted herewith.
				is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiv-Office.
8.		An	nex(e	s) to the international preliminary examination report
		a.	□ i	s/are transmitted herewith.
		b.		is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States ceiving Office.
9.		.A t	ransl	ation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report
		a.	□ i	s transmitted herewith.
		b.	i	s not required as the annexes are in the English language.

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10. Ц		oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with U.S.C. § 115
	a.	was previously submitted by applicant on
		Date
	b.	☐ is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration S
		i. is attached to the application.
		ii. Identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by .37 C.F.R. § 1.70.
		iii. 🔯 will follow.
II. Other of	docu	ment(s) or information included:
11. 🔼	An PC	International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under FArticle 17(2)(a):
	a.	is transmitted herewith.
	b.	has been transmitted by the International Bureau. Date of mailing (from form PCT/IB/308):4 September 1997
	C.	\square is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
•	d.	☐ will be transmitted promptly upon request.
	e.	☐ has been submitted by applicant on
		Date
12. 🖫	An I	nformation Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:
	a.	is transmitted herewith.
		Also transmitted herewith is/are:
		II Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B).
		XI Copies of citations listed.
	b.	will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).
	c.	was previously submitted by applicant on
		Date
13. 🗆	An a	ssignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.
	A se	Darate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPAGE G NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
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14.		Additional documents:
	XX	a. \(\textbf{\textit{Z}}\) Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
		b. X International Publication No. <u>WO 97/32424</u>
		i. 🗓 Specification, claims and drawing
		ii. Front page only
		c. 🖾 Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
		d. 🖾 Other
		PCT/IPEA/416: PCT/ISA/220: PCT/IPEA/408
15. [The above checked items are being transmitted
		a. 🛮 before 30 months from any claimed priority date.
		b. after 30 months.
16. [Certain requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 were previously submitted by the applicant on, namely:
		AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES
/ARNI	ING:	Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependant claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.
OTE:	or f	written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent uture reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission,

orating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in § 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. § 1.26(a).

> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the eatire pendency of this application to Account No. 16-1350

37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

WARNING: Because failure to pay the national fee within 30 months without extension (37 CFR § 1.495(b)(2)) results in abandonment of the application, it would be best to always check the above box.

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37 C.F.R. § 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

	Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possible when dealing with amendments after final action.
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- 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)
 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)–(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a).
 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b))
- NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).
- NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . pnor to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.

37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 30 months after the priority date).

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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